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Locals Named to Advisory Panels for Mission Bay

A number of residents from Potrero Hill and the surrounding area have been appointed to serve on advisory groups connected with the Mission Bay Project.

Serving as Potrero Hill representatives to the Mission Bay Citizens Advisory Committee are Dick Millett, President of the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assn., and David Siegel of Lower Potrero Hill.

Appointed to the Community Advisory Group (CAG) of UCSF, which plans to develop a campus in the Mission Bay development, are: Janet Carpinelli, Lower Potrero Hill Assn.; Phil DeAndrade, Potrero Hill Merchants Assn.; Bob Isaacson, Mission Creek Conservancy; Enola D. Maxwell, Potrero Hill Neighborhood House; Dick Millet, Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assn.; Ruth Passen,

Potrero Hill Neighborhood House; Paul Sherrill, Potrero Hill resident and South of Market architect; Dorris Vincent, Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Project Area Committee; Oscaryne Williams of Potrero Annex Infant Care Center; and Corrine Woods, Mission Creek resident.

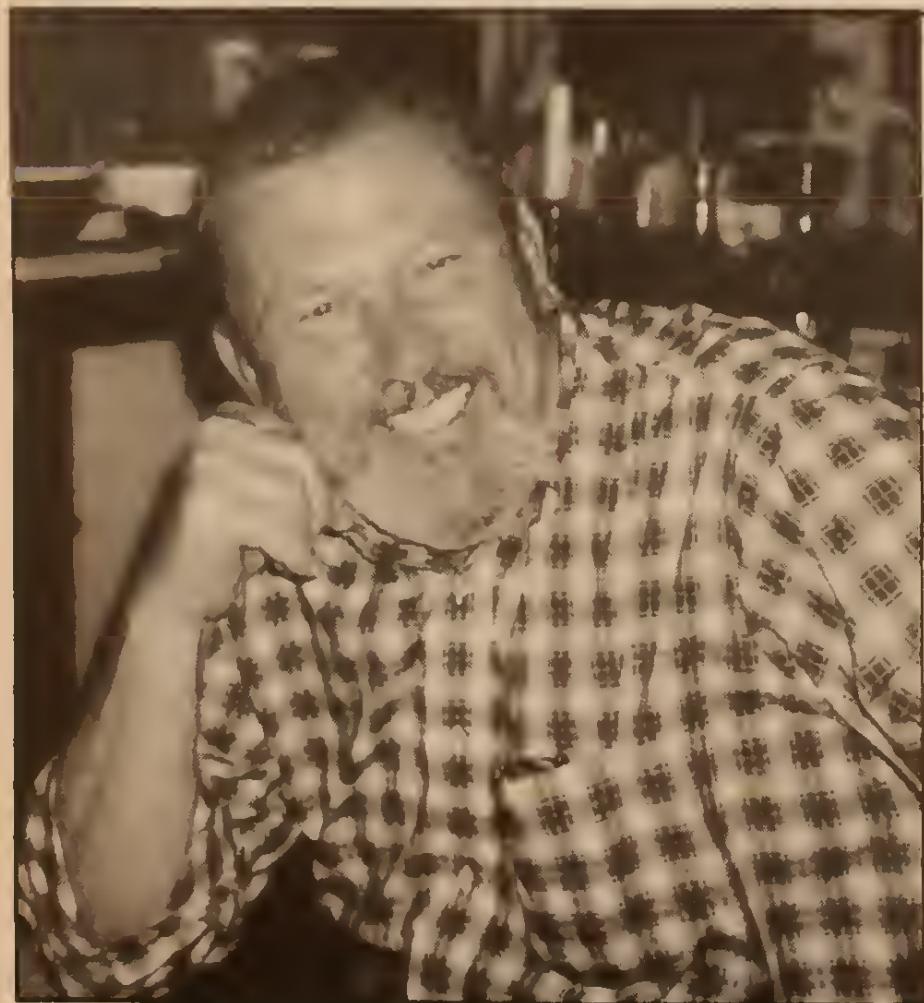
They are among 34 representatives on the UCSF CAG, which, UCSF notes, "is composed of members drawn from neighborhood, business, labor and other groups interested in planning issues." UCSF initially formed the CAG in 1992, and about one-third of the current members were part of the original group.

Meetings of the UCSF CAG are open to the public. The next session is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 30 at the UCSF Laurel Heights building, 3333 California Street.



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Ruth Posen photos



Hillers Bid Sad Farewell To View's Vas Arnautoff

By Judy Baston

Friends, family members and fellow workers packed the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Feb. 8 to bid farewell to Vas Arnautoff, longtime Hill resident and *Potrero View* staffer and editorial board member.

Vas died at home on January 30 at age 72, seven months after he had suffered a massive stroke that proved permanently disabling and caused his health to disintegrate. His son Peter, a San Francisco firefighter, moved in with Vas to help with his care, and at the memorial service, a phalanx of firefighters turned out to pay homage to Vas and express solidarity with Peter.

Vas's "ethnic, economic, social and cultural background" was all part of creating the man who he became, his best friend Steve Parun told the memorial gathering in a statement he had written that was read by Vas's son Steven.

And it was a varied background in-

deed: Vas was born in Manchuria on October 9, 1925 to the late Lyda and Victor Arnautoff. His father was an artist who had left the Soviet Union after the 1917 Revolution and helped create many murals in San Francisco, including those at Coit Tower. Vas's early childhood years were spent in Mexico and the family then came to San Francisco in the early 1930s.

After World War II, Vas attended UC Berkeley, graduating with a degree in journalism. By then he was married to the former Arden Peterson, who died in 1992, and they had three children, Peter, Marya and Steven. Vas taught journalism in Eureka for six years. From 1958 until his retirement he worked on the San Francisco waterfront as a longshoreman and was an active member of the International Longshore & Warehouse Union.

"Vas was a very thoughtful person, one who early on saw that being a longshoreman was better than being a school-teacher," even before all the classroom

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Happy Birthday . . .

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY: Audrey Baptiste, Sally Burns, Vincent Caboara, Gilberte Caron-Hauser, Pat Cleaver, Nanette Dorr, Veva Edelson, Sam & Betty Elkind, Chuck and Rockie Elkind, Betty Garvey, Dorothy Goff, Lol Halsey, Ernesto Hernandez, Jeff O. and Rebecca Hostetler, Rosalena Koopman, Della Lopipero, Emily and Kathrine McNeil, Tom Murray, Charlie Parker, Steve Passin, Rabearivelo, Maribel Rodriguez, Sarah Vaughn, LaVette Virden, Steve Voria, Kurt Weill.

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GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thursday of each month (March 5) with members of the San Francisco Police Dept., to discuss issues of public concern. Meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Community College, downstairs, at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps, off Bayshore. The March meeting will include a talk by Gwendolyn Hardin of Borg Warner regarding jobs and job training offered by her company. Also on the program is John Scott to present an update on the area's sewage treatment plant repairs. Public discussion, comments and questions — and refreshments! — to follow.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the month (March 9) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin Street, are open to the public. This month, now that the Center is part of the citywide Health Network, needed improvements in the facility and equipment can be discussed. Also on the agenda is preliminary planning for the summer Health & Jobs Fair.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meets the second Tuesday of each month (March 10). The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro. Speakers this month will address Props. 226 & 227 (the Unz initiative) pro & con. A lively discussion can be expected.

Starr King Park Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday evening of each odd-numbered month (next meeting: March 11) in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616 - 20th Street, at 7 p.m. The Saturday work parties (10 a.m. until 1 p.m.) will continue every month on the Saturday that follows the second Wednesday (March 14). The park is located at Carolina and 23rd Streets. All are welcome.

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) meets in executive session only this month (March 18). Anyone wishing to raise an issue for consideration by the board may phone Elizabeth at 826-6359.

Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assn. meets the last Tuesday of the month (March 31) at 7:30 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library, upstairs, 1616 - 20th Street.

Potrero Hill Garden Club meets on the last Sunday of the month (March 29) at 11 a.m. for a potluck brunch in a local home or garden. Informal discussions take place on a variety of topics related to organic, edible and ornamental gardening appropriate for our particular microclimate. Please call 648-6740 for details.

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BOMBING, STOP THE

Last month, we opened this column by citing the city of Birmingham as a center of the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 60s. No sooner were those words written than a bomb planted in a women's health center there exploded killing a security guard and gravely injuring a nurse who worked there. The bomb was planted by an opponent of a woman's right to abortion, and we were reminded of a time when civil rights activists referred to that Alabama city as "Bombingham."

The more we read about this nation's history, the better prepared we are for what is to come in politics. Celebrate Women's History Month by reading these and other titles that you can find at the San Francisco Public Library:

* Fried, Marlene Gerber. *From Abortion to Reproductive Freedom.*"

* Jenness, Linda. *"Feminism and Socialism."*

* Reynolds, Moira Davidson. *"Women Advocates of Reproductive Freedom."*

* Whitehead, Mary Beth. *"A Mother's Story: the Truth about the Baby M. Case."*

* Mantius, Peter. *"Shell Game: A True Story of Banking, Spies, Lies, Politics, and the Arming of Saddam Hussein."*

HOT PIX

For a little over four years, a purple felt box that says "Hot Pix" has been sitting atop the library's display case. In it are referrals that patrons have made of books that they have enjoyed so that others might try them. Here, for your information are some of the notes that patrons have left:

"Frank Conroy's 'Body and Soul' — phenomenal story of the evolution of a composer . . . 'Pigs in Heaven' by Barbara Kingsolver — an excellent read. Kingsolver has a rare and beautiful gift for imagery and metaphor . . . Two highly recommended books for renewal and inspiration: 'Anything We Love Can be Sacred,' by Alice Walker and 'Cloister Walk,' Kathleen Norris . . . 'A Thousand Acres,' by Jane Smiley . . . 'The Balkan Express,' by Slavenka Drakulic . . . 'Pope Patrick,' by Peter de Rosa . . . 'Aunt Dimity's Death,' by Nancy Atherton — such a sweet, cozy book [that] I wrote the author a letter of encouragement. It is her first book. I hope there are more.

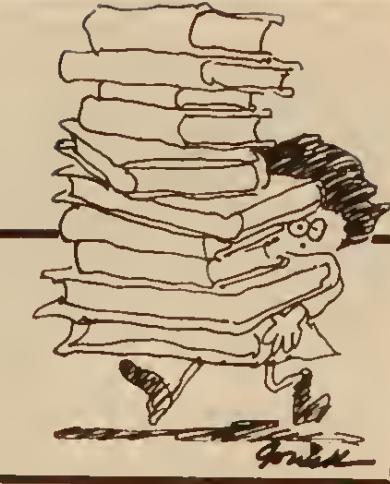
Also: Edward Hallowell, 'Driven to Distraction,' . . . 'Shadow Song,' by Terry Kay — about the need for magic and persistence of memory in our lives! . . . 'When Death Comes Stealing,' by Valerie Wilson Wesley . . . E. M. Thornton, 'The Freedom Fallacy,' . . . Hope Edelman, 'Motherless Daughters' . . . William Du Bois, 'The Hundred Balloons' . . . Holly Keller, 'Will it Rain?' — The book has a good, poetic rhythm to it . . . 'Teller of Tales' by William J. Brooke — new, more contemporary tales, derived

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from classic fairy tales, told in the context of the lives of an old man and young wayward girl . . . 'Cat's Cradle,' . . .

I strongly subjest (sic) 'Remember Me,' by Christopher Pike . . . 'Charlotte's Web,' by E.B. White . . . 'If You Give a Mouse a Cookie,' . . . 'Anabel's House' . . . 'Matilda,' . . . 'Harry's Birthday,' . . . 'Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes,' . . . 'Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing,' . . . 'Ramona the Pest,' . . . 'Red Scream or Under the Beetle Cellar,' by Mary Willis Walker . . . 'In a Dark, Dark Room,' . . . Here is something I definitely suggest (sic): 'Welcome to Dead House,' by R. L. Stine, suggested by DeNita, the last one who read it . . . You should read 'Little Eight John,' because you will be a good child after that . . ."

NUMBER 43 — POTRERO HILL ARTISTS EXHIBITION

The Potrero Hill Artists EXhibition will celebrate its 43rd year when it opens on Saturday, April 5, with a reception for the artists from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., at the Potrero Library. Refreshments will be donated by Potrero merchants, and dance music will be provided by the Apollo Jazz Group. The show will run from April 5-30.

Artists who live, work or study on Potrero Hill are invited to submit two works, prepared with wire, ready to hang, with the work's title and medium and the artist's name attached to each submission. The deadline for submissions is no later than 5 p.m., March 30.

This year's exhibition will recognize posthumously the contribution of internationally-recognized artist, Charles Farr, whose commitment was instrumental in the exhibition gaining the distinction of being the longest-running annual art show in San Francisco. For more information, call Bob Whaley at (415) 255-2382.

TEEN INDUSTRY ART EXHIBIT

An exhibit of artwork by homeless teens who are part of an art program at an agency called "Teen Industry," will be on display at the Potrero Branch during the month of March. The proposal for the exhibit was initiated by Lee Welch, a young artist who has been the backbone of the art program there.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant and Toddler Lapsit takes place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. Children's Story Time takes place at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25. A music program for children will be the featured event this month with guest performer, Lawrence Lenske, at 4 p.m., Saturday, March 28. The film, "Circus Baby," will be shown at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, and 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 4.

TEEN TALENT SHOW

Talent from all over the city will perform classical to funk, at 5 p.m., Thursday, March 5, at the Koret Auditorium of the Main branch of the San Francisco Public Library, sponsored by the Teen Advisory Council and funded by Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: VIDEOS ON ORDER

Among the many videos coming soon to Potrero are: Asphalt Jungle, The Dead Poets Society, Saturday Night Fever, Eyes on the Prize, Glory, Schindler's List, Smoke, City Lights, The Natural and A Thousand Clowns.

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TEN YEARS AGO

In The View.

NEIGHBORS DETERMINED TO ACT ON DRUG SALES AND TOY GUNS

After the tragic shooting by police of a 13-year old who was armed with a toy gun, community members gathered at the Nabe to discuss ways to combat drug sales, improve the mental health system and ban the sale of realistic toy guns in the city. Complaints were aired about the decline in funding of youth employment programs and the Police Community Relations Department.

POTRERO HILL WOMEN'S CLUB CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

A proclamation from Mayor Art Agnos was received by more than 35 members gathered at Goat Hill Pizza to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the group, which was founded to raise money for victims of the 1906 earthquake.

NEW PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY AT SFGH EXPECTED TO WORSEN THE PARKING PROBLEM

The facility to be built on land presently used for parking has made the construction of a new parking garage a more pressing need. Some neighbors support a proposal for a mixed use facility on the site at Utah and 23rd Streets, including parking, housing and a child care facility.

PAY FOR JUNK AUTOS AIDS THE HOMELESS

To try to cut down on the number of abandoned cars clogging the streets City Tow announced in 1988 that it would give you \$40 for your junker and donate an additional \$5 to the mayor's homeless fund.

SPCA OFFERS FREE FOOD FOR PETS OF THE NEEDY

About 25 AIDS patients have been supplied with free food for their pets by Ruth Brinker's Project Open Hand, the food having been donated by the San Francisco SPCA.

MAYOR TAKES ON FILL BOOSTER, LOSES

Mayor Art Agnos went one-on-one with Hill resident Bob Gervasio at a neighborhood basketball court. Agnos' two handed style was reminiscent of the 40s and 50s, his opponent noted. Final score: Gervasio 12, Agnos 10.

AND TWENTY YEARS AGO . . .

Hill residents voiced their opinions about the Potrero Hill Neighborhood Improvement Plan proposed in 1978 by the Department of City Planning, and of particular interest were the disposition of the Starr King Park site and changes in MUNI routes . . . Project 20, the court referral system providing for community service as an alternative to fines, was highly praised by neighborhood organizations . . . Women's Rights Day was to be celebrated at the Mall in Golden Gate Park, featuring TV anchorwomen Valerie Coleman, Lynn Joiner and Belva Davis . . . Free legal assistance was being offered to all low income people 55 years or older at 17 locations in San Francisco, including the Neighborhood House . . . A cardiac pacemaker club was being formed and was to meet at the Nabe . . . Gary Louie, graphic arts teacher at Potrero Middle School, was selected as the SFUSD Teacher of the Year . . . Organic community gardens are being cultivated again at 20th and Arkansas Streets and at San Bruno and 20th St. . . . At the Julian Theater, Lenny Anderson and Bruce Greene presented a program of the music, wit and wisdom of Woody Guthrie.

— Bernie Gershater

THE VIEW AT THE LIBRARY



If you are searching for a story that ran in the Potrero View a long time ago, take a look at the bound volumes at the Potrero Branch Library which contain every issue from the very first one in 1970 through December 1991. We will have more recent issues bound in the not-too-distant future, but in the meantime, check with the librarian who may have them on file.



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Girls/Boys Club . . .	Mondays, 4:00 pm
Narcotics Anonymous . . .	Wednesdays, 8:00 pm
Omega Boys Club . . .	Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

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- Girls/Boys Club
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Vas: Writing for the View Was an Education for Me

"Writing for The View is an education," Vas noted eight years ago in an article he wrote for this newspaper's 20th anniversary.

"We learned about hops and wort from Fritz Maytag when the brewer brought Anchor Steam Beer back to Potrero Hill . . ." Vas wrote, "and we learned it was possible to fly a kite indoors when Rakesh Bahadur showed us how at his Kite World, Inc. We even learned how teddy bears get stuffed, which they do daily at . . . Basic Brown Bears."

Vas always had such delight in learning new things and he had the talent to turn around and share the joy of discovering what he learned with the readers of *The View*. Vas had taught journalism for six years, and then worked on the waterfront until he retired. But, as neighbor and friend Linda Loskutoff Hjelle emphasized at his memorial service, "Vas was a teacher, no matter how he made his living."

He imparted so much of his knowledge to the young student journalists that from time to time we were fortunate enough to have working with us on *The View*. He had a knowledge about the fundamentals of journalism — the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How — but also he had a talent for turning information about what many might consider a routine job or obscure craft into rich and vivid prose, for drawing the reader into a story.

Consider, for example, the time Vas spent in 1988 with the bridge-tender on Third Street:

It's not much os bridges go. It squats over o narrow bay channel, less than six feet above the water at high tide. Painted in no-nonsense Frisco Jeans black, unlike its gaudier and younger siblings spanning the Golden Gate and the Bay, its steel structural elements ore in plain view and unadorned... Yet for all its workaday unpretentiousness and its clumsy designation, the Francis "Lefty" O'Doul Strouss heel-trunnion

Vas enriched *The View* not only with
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single leaf bascule bridge is as graceful in motion as are the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges in repose. On an average of four times a day it gently and quietly lifts its 139-foot piece of Third Street almost straight up to allow water craft to pass.

Or his visit in 1989 to confectioner Joseph Schmidt:

If you're one of those whose idea of a great chocolate is the namby-pamby slab with almonds that drops out of a vending machine, these words are not for you. But if you have even an inkling about what a man means when he says, "chocolate is my obsession," read on.

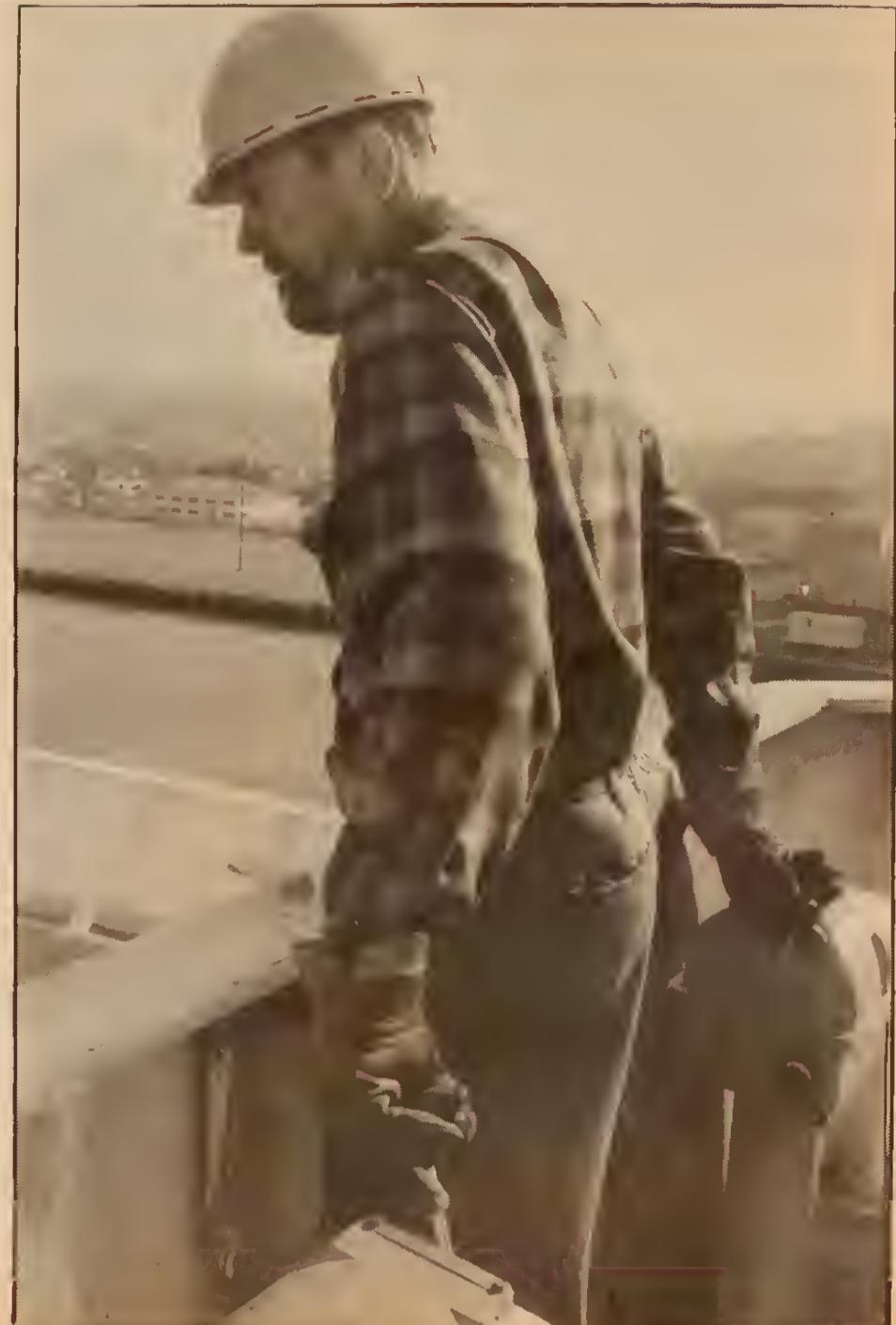
And in 1991, after the Oakland Hills firestorm, Vas shared this with all of us on the Hill:

When ashes come drifting out of the sky onto Potrero Hill that afternoon of October 20, we all knew something dreadful was happening. But the grey droppings were too small, gathering like celestial dandruff on steps and yard furniture, too impersonal for us to react to them on more than a superficial level.

But then into this View staffer's backyard on De Haro Street floated evidence that was less anonymous. It was a four by six inch piece of charred paper with printing still readable on it, front and back, the ink having burned to gray on the charred paper's black. It was a page from someone's copy of "The Great Gatsby," copiously delivered as a message to this yard.

And the message that was suddenly and forcefully brought home to this staffer was that it was a human tragedy that was being played out in the East Bay, and the small gray bits of ash were not impersonal at all. They were fragments of peoples' lives with no less an impact for being smaller than that page of "The Great Gatsby."

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Vas at work on the waterfront.

Pat Goudvis photo

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discipline problems teachers now have to endure, State Senator John Burton told the memorial gathering.

Burton also recalled how Vas would often warn — with a straight face — that "the Arnauts are going to get you," referring to a Mongolian strongman who became the synonym for bogeyman in Vas's circle.

Indeed, neighbors who saw Vas drive around the Hill in his light blue minivan may have often wondered about his license plate that proclaimed "APHAYT." Many letters in the Cyrillic alphabet, in which Russian is written, have a resemblance to the Roman letters in which English is written: The English "P" is the Russian "R"; The English "H" is the Russian "N," and the English Y is the Russian "oooh." Thus does "APHAYT" become "Arnaut" — the sort of puzzle that exemplified Vas's love of words, letters, and his interest in his Russian background.

"Vas was erudite and scholarly and his knowledge was extensive, encompassing a wise and diverse range of interests that appealed to his intellect and curiosity," Parun said, "he was also an acute observer of human diversity and eccentricities and enjoyed a vast and varied cultural life."

Diverse barely begins to describe Vas's interests: As a result of visiting Marya and Steven and their families, who live on a kibbutz in Israel, Vas and Arden became involved in and knowledgeable about archeological digs; Vas loved to garden and was proud of his orchids ("He would have loved to live in the English countryside in a home with a big garden," son Peter said); Vas loved to bake bread and clipped recipes from the newspaper; he was a sports fan and played darts every Wednesday evening for more than 30 years./

Her father "would try everything once" — even chocolate covered ants, daughter Marya Lux remembered. "He was involved in so many things, from archeology to politics.

Vas was old-fashioned in the best sense of the word. He was a proud member of the Lead Pencil Club, whose slogan is "A pothole on the information superhighway." In fact, in his 20 years of involvement with *The Potrero View*, "Vas always wrote his copy in pencil," pointed out View editor Ruth Passen, adding, "We are a legion of our own — out of sync with the current technological community."

Vas "would do it the hard way but get it done," she said, stressing, "You learn so much more that way."

Passen called Vas "a quiet giant," and this assessment was echoed by his children and friends. "Vas didn't speak until he had something he wanted to say, and when he did speak it was very articulately, peppered with poetry he had committed to memory," recalled Daina Heisters, Vas's companion of the last few years.

Vas "was placid and serene; being around him was like a walk in Muir Woods," said son Peter, using a simile by which Vas the writer and editor — as well as Vas the parent — would have been delighted. "My father never got mad. He was an accepting, non-judgmental person, a perfect gentleman, unflappable," Peter added.

And, said daughter Marya, Vas's "quiet, formidable but soft and sensitive" ways "gave us all such a sense of security."

In addition to his children, Peter of San Francisco and Marya and Steven of Israel, Vas is survived by six grandchildren, Sari, Meay, Yasmin, Adam, Natalie and Paul, and brothers Jacob and Michael.

Contributions in his memory can be made in Vas's name to the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St., San Francisco, CA 94107.



View's Ruth Passen, Vas and Judy Baston cut 20th anniversary cake.

Changing of the Guard On Potrero Hill's Restaurant Row

New Owner Learning the Scoop on Ice Cream Biz

By Julia Segrove

In December 1997, Ron Gempel, the longtime owner of the Daily Scoop, turned over the keys of his popular Missouri Street ice cream parlor to Rima Michael and began a well-deserved vacation.

It had been only a few months earlier when Rima Michael, who was at the Scoop having coffee with her friend Abe Michael, a Potrero Hill resident and longtime owner of the M & M Market, fell in love with the idea of owning the unique 1950s styled ice cream shop. After telling Abe she thought the Scoop would "be a great little business to own," she approached Gempel and told him that if he ever wanted to sell the business, he should give her a call.

A few days after their brief conversation, Gempel telephoned her and said he was interested in selling The Scoop. Four months later, Michael, who owned and operated a Polk Street cafe for five years, found herself learning to scoop ice cream, hiring a new staff and working long, long hours.

According to Michael, business hasn't been "major slow," but the cold, rainy weather is keeping many customers at home. The new owner, however, is optimistic that business will improve when dry and warmer weather returns to Potrero Hill. "I know we'll do better in the summertime. Nobody wants ice cream during wet, miserable weather," she says.

Michael, currently a resident of Russian Hill, is delighted to be doing business on Potrero Hill, a neighborhood she thinks is up-and-coming and refreshingly community-oriented.

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his talent for observation and writing as a journalist, but with his thoughtfulness as a human being. When he was in the Middle East last March, recalled his companion "Daina Heisters, he recited the following as she got up on a camel:

"The camel has a single hump,
The dromedary two.
Or else the other way around;
I'm never sure, are you?"

Nonsense verse, to be sure. But it was easy to see why Vas would like it so much. It reflected the calm, patient way he functioned in View discussions, whether they were about a ballot measure or a headline, time after time discouraging quick or simple reactions to complicated questions.

As The View approaches its 30th year as a neighborhood newspaper, and as we all get a bit older, it will be much, much harder without Vas. We will miss him beyond words.

— By Judy Baston for The View staff

'American Comfort Food' Replaces Greek Cuisine

By Betty Packard

Following brunch on March 1, the Greek restaurant that has existed for 18 years at the corner of 18th and Connecticut is slated to close its doors for the last time. And nine days later, on March 10, a newly remodeled Aurora's is set to open on that same spot for breakfast and lunch, serving classic American cuisine.

Finally, on March 14, Aurora's is scheduled to begin a full operation serving breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and dinner from 5 to 10 p.m. Brunch will be served on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will continue to feature waffle platters, as well as other breakfast items including potato latkes and breakfast burritos.

Manager and co-owner Andrea Dance notes the change was necessitated because Greek food is both labor-intensive and high cost. Faced with either raising prices or going out of business, she and her partner, Gork Marcheschi, chose to reorganize.

Marcheschi decided to rename the restaurant Aurora's, after his mother. "It was important for him to show his appreciation to his mother for all she had done for him and this was a way he could do it," Dance emphasized.

She and Marcheschi purchased the restaurant one year ago from her sister, Alison Dance, and Alison's partner, Barbara Asimos, who had owned it from its inception. Andrea Dance has worked at the restaurant for more than 10 years.

"As I watched over the past years," she commented, "I noticed that fewer and fewer Hill people were coming in. Then I noticed that all of the other restaurants opening in the area were ethnic restaurants. There was no place to get American 'comfort food.' We want the neighborhood back in and we hope this will do it."

Marcheschi, an artist by trade, is handling the new interior with the help of his friends. The dining room will be lighter and more colorful, with a booth in each window.

Dance says there will always be a Mediterranean appetizer on the menu

"for old times sake." The menu also will feature such American favorites as root beer floats, burgers, salads, soups, pot pies, macaroni and cheese, meat loaf, and a special pizza each day. In addition to gyros and falafel on the luncheon menu, there will be a featured "banquet for students and seniors" consisting of a cup of soup, fruit, cheese, and bread. Luncheon prices will average in the \$5 to \$6 range. Dinner entrees for the most part will hover around the \$10 level.

Dance and Marcheschi are asking neighbors to "bring in your family recipe and we'll do it, adding with a chuckle, "someone asked me if we would be serving their favorite liver and onions; Of course we will. We intend to feature good food and good times, much like the 1950s restaurants. Gork and I hope the neighborhood will embrace us. Our motivating factor is to have a neighborhood place where people can enjoy dining out often with meals at reasonable prices."

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Acupuncture Clinic Moving into 20th St. Medical Offices

The SOMA Acupuncture & Natural Health Clinic will be relocating to Potrero Hill in March. They have leased the medical building on 20th Street formerly occupied by the Potrero Hill Medical Group.

Carl Hangee-Bauer, ND, LAc, founder of the SOMA Acupuncture & Natural Health Clinic, has been in practice on Folsom Street since 1989. Hangee-Bauer and his wife, Michele, who is the clinic's office manager, have been Hill residents since 1985. "We are truly delighted to move our office to Potrero Hill and become more involved in the community that we love so much," says Michele.

As a licensed acupuncturist and leading Bay Area naturopath, Carl Hangee-Bauer combines Chinese medicine and naturopathic medicine and treats a wide range of conditions, including pain and injury, allergies and asthma, digestive disorders, and women's health care. He also offers programs for stopping smoking and cleansing and detoxification.

Joining the practice is Anne Perkins, RN, LAC, a recent graduate of the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, also on Potrero Hill, and an experienced massage therapist.

Hangee-Bauer is one of the Bay Area's few fully-trained naturopaths. He received his education at Bastyr University in Seattle, a well-known, accredited college where he completed a four-year degree program in naturopathic medicine, receiving his doctorate in 1984.

California currently does not license naturopathic medicine, though it is licensed in 12 other states and Puerto Rico. However, it is anticipated that California will soon join other states in licensing naturopathic physicians, notes Hangee-Bauer, who is also the Legislative Chairperson of the California Association of Naturopathic Physicians. "We plan on introducing legislation to license naturopaths in January, 1999 and are optimistic that we can get a bill passed in the next legislative session," he says.

The clinic will be in its new location on 20th Street beginning March 17. Carl or Michele Hangee-Bauer can be reached at 974-5596 for further information.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



More than 100 friends, family and neighbors helped Ellie Baine, (in photo above, with a portrait of her when she was 17 years old) celebrated her 100th birthday February 8 in St. Teresa's social hall. Baine listened to speeches, a proclamation from Mayor Willie Brown, who officially named the day for her, Irish songs, a bagpiper, and a one-man accordian band. Below: Baine is surrounded by her three children, Walter F. Baine, Jr., Ellie Sabella, and Marie Caraciolo, and their children and grandchildren, some of whom came from Colorado and New Mexico for the event. Other presentations to Baine came from the S.F. Board of Supervisors, and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

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SHANTI needs multilingual or Spanish speaking volunteers to assist and support people with AIDS, by running errands, shopping, cleaning, cooking, providing emotional support and practical assistance to Latinos. The next training will take place March 14 and 15. Call Latino Program Coordinator Victor Gaitan at 487-4754 for more info.

THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION needs volunteers to help with their Arthritis and Information and Referral Service (AIRS) program. People are needed to help answer phone calls and fill literature requests. For more information call 1-800-464-6240. And March 2-8 is Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Week. More than 285,000 children suffer from arthritis.

UCSF-MT. ZION CENTER ON AGING needs volunteers to participate in a study to examine the relationship between naturally occurring levels of hormones and the changes in memory, behavior and quality of life associated with Alzheimer's disease, as opposed to normal aging. The study involves three visits of one and one-half hours each. It does not involve taking any medication. Volunteers receive a brain scan, neurological screening and cognitive evaluation, with results available to them and their physicians. They are compensated \$75 per visit, a total of \$225. For more info call Pam Walton at 750-4177.

BAY AREA CENTER FOR THE ARTS presents "Point of Order," video by Emile de Antonio, a rousing film record of the 1954 Army-McCarthy hearings ostensibly investigating Communist infiltration in the armed forces, which backfired and eventually ended Sen. Joe McCarthy's red-baiting career. Also "Manifestoon," Marx and Engels' Communist Manifesto set to classic American cartoons, Wednesdays from March 14-May 31, noon, 2 and 4:10, at Yerba Buena Center, 701 Mission St. Call 978-2700.

CELEBRATION OF CRAFTSWOMEN, the largest juried women's crafts fair in the United States, takes place in December at Herbst pavilion, Ft. Mason. Application for participation must be received by May 15, at the S.F. Women's Bldg., 3543-18th St., S.F. 94110. The application fee is \$15. For more information, or to receive an application, call 252-8981.

VINTAGE FASHION Expo takes place March 14 and 15, at S.F. Concourse, 8th and Brannan Streets. There will be 100 dealers selling clothing, textiles, jewelry and accessories from the 1850s to the 1970s. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Regular admission is \$6, early buying admission is \$20. There'll be a fashion show each day at 1:30 p.m. For information call (707) 793-0773.



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HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS INTERGENERATIONAL DISCUSSION GROUP meets March 15 at the Jewish Family and Children's Services, 1600 Scott St. The fee is \$25 for six months for the ongoing series of meetings. For more info call Sheryl Groden, 561-1244.

ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY BARDATHON, March 17, at the San Francisco Center for the Book, is a participatory event. Bring a favorite bit of Irish literature to declaim, provided you can declaim it in ten minutes or less. Admission (\$5) entitles you to a souvenir broadside and permits you to compete for the coveted Best Bad Brogue Award. Call 565-0545 for more info.

THE SAN FRANCISCO GREEN COMMUNITY sponsors a program where speakers from the Pure Food Campaign and the San Francisco Vegetarian Society will present information about proposed federal standards for organic foods, Mar. 19, at 7:30 p.m., at New College Cultural Center, 766 Valencia St. Donation: \$5 to \$10.

SAN FRANCISCO SACRED HARP SINGING GROUP sings a capella shape note music from the Sacred Harp, a 150 year-old tunebook of traditional American hymns, odes and anthems. They will play 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Mar. 15, at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St. Refreshments are served and a collection will be taken to cover costs. For info call 585-4773.

AIDS/HIV NIGHTLINE provides telephone emotional support, crisis counseling and information for anyone with HIV concerns. Call 984-1902 for info on training sessions.

TUESDAY NIGHT IS WOMEN'S NIGHT AT VENUE 9. Footloose Dance Theater presents Women's Work, an ongoing series featuring live performance of dance, theater, music, poetry and multi-media, Mar. 3, 10, 17 and 24. All shows are at 8 p.m. Admission \$6-10. For more info call 626-2169.

JOSEPH CHOWNING GALLERY will be showing 25 artworks from 1973-1998, through Mar. 19, at 1717-17th St. Call 626-7496 for more info.

SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS will sponsor a training institute for current and prospective school volunteers, Sat., March 21, at Sunset Elementary School, 3045 Santiago St. (bet. 41st & 42nd Avenues). The institute will train in using reading strategies with early readers, motivation of students, supporting students learning English as a second language, and "Messy Science," using household items to teach fundamental scientific concepts.

HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR OWNERS OF AGGRESSIVE DOGS in a two-hour session on Saturday, March 21, from 3-5 p.m. at the SF/SPCA. The cost is \$10 for the public. To register, call 554-3085.

THE EXPLORATORIUM will be open for 20 consecutive days for the Spring holiday break, from Tuesday, March 31 through Sunday, April 19. Open hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily and Wednesday evenings to 9:30 p.m. Admission: members and children under 3, free; children 3-5, \$2.50; youth 6-17 and people with disabilities, \$5; seniors and university students, \$7. Other adults \$9. First Wednesday of the month free. Wheelchair accessible.

FAMILY CAREGIVER ALLIANCE sponsors eight-week support groups, for individuals with Alzheimer's and their family members, beginning March 12 in the Family Caregiver Alliance office at 425 Bush St., Suite 500. For a pre-enrollment interview, call (800) 445-8106.



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"Osteoporosis: The Silent Thief - A Prescription for Prevention and Management," returns by popular demand on March 28 at UCSF. More women suffer from fractures related to osteoporosis than experience heart attack, breast cancer and gynecological cancers combined. Presented by Steven Harris, MD, director of the Osteoporosis Clinic and professor of medicine at UCSF; Christine Zampach, PT, and Kathleen Bell, RD, the workshop will focus on the latest information about prevention, treatment and research, and steps that women can take to achieve and maintain optimal bone health through nutrition and exercise. Call the Education Office at 750-5342 for info and registration.

FREE LECTURE SERIES on architecture, Victorian and history, sponsored by the Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m., March 10-26, and Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Haas-Lilenthal House, 2007 Franklin St.

THE MARSH'S GROWING STAGE, a children's theater, presents "The Plant's Taking Over," a new musical for young people, by Ira Levin and Simon Kaplan. Performances will be on Sunday, March 15 and 22, at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St. near 22nd St. Tickets are \$4-6. For info and reservations call 826-5750, ext 2. On Sunday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m., The Marsh presents "The Magic Adventure," An event for children and adults, combining music, storytelling art and the audience's imagination.

BAY AREA RADICAL WOMEN celebrate International Women's Day at the launching of "Revolution, She Wrote," commentaries and essays on women and politics by feminist and civil rights activist Clara Fraser, Sunday, March 8 at 3 p.m. A sumptuous salmon gourmet buffet will be served at 5:30 for a \$10 donation, at New Valencia Hall, 1908 Mission St., near 16th. For info call 864-1278.

EVERYMAN THEATER COMPANY presents Shakespeare's "A Winter's Tale," directed by Kristine McIntyre, at the Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St., Thursday, March 27 through Saturday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Call 621-7978 for reservations and info.

GRUPO MAYA QUSAMEJ JUNAN presents an Art Exhibition of the Maya women painters from San Juan Comalapa, at SOMAR Gallery, 934 Brannan St., San Francisco. The exhibit runs from March 3-21, with an opening reception on March 5, from 5-7:30 p.m. Marimba music, a slide presentation, and Maya treats will be available during the reception. The exhibition is organized by Grupo Maya Qusamej Junan, and funded by SOMAR Gallery, The Guatemalan Consulate, The Seventh Generation Fund, The Vanguard Foundation.

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"Fakin' Da Funk," features John Witherspoon and Margaret Cho who star in a comedy that will be seen in the Asian Film Festival.

Three Potrero Hill Sites Set for Read-Aloud Day

In support of Read Aloud Day, the Bay Area's only literacy campaign devoted to the importance of reading aloud to children, hundreds of Read Aloud events will take place in the Bay Area on March 12. More than 10,000 children will be read aloud to on this day, including children at Potrero Hill Middle School, Starr King Elementary School, and Christopher's Books.

Read Aloud Day sends the message to parents that the simple activity of reading aloud to children for a few minutes a day can change that child's life forever. Read Aloud Day helps us communicate that:

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The United States offers several new films, including many from the San Francisco area. In "Fakin' Da Funk," Nell Carter, Margaret Cho, Pam Grier and Dante Brasco star in Tim Chey's comedy about a Chinese baby adopted by an African American family.

Shedding light on the Asian American experience of acculturation and the struggle for identity and human rights in the U.S. are four documentaries including Joy Chong-Stannard's "1946: The Great Hawaii Sugar Strike," a hard-hitting account of how Hawaii's sugar workers overcame years of systematic racial segregation by mounting a courageous 79 day strike. Rare archival footage of the 1938 "Hilo Massacre" and the strike itself is included.

"Visas and Virtues" chronicles the efforts of Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, who from his post in Lithuania saved thousands of Jews from Nazi persecution during World War II.

Two seminars will be offered in this year's Festival: "An afternoon with Independents and PBS" offers a chance for discussion between film and video-makers and panelists on the topic of

producing for public television; and "Dramatic Roundtable" panelists will talk about their working methods.

For more information on the films, times and places, call the Festival at (415) 255-4380.

Library Art Show Seeks Local Works

The 43rd Annual Potrero Hill Artists Show, exhibiting works by local artists, will be held at the Potrero Branch Library, 1616-20th St., from April 4-30. This year's event will honor noted artist Charles Griffin Farr, who passed away in 1997.

Farr, an original member of the Art Show group, was instrumental in gaining prominence for the unique event, which is held only on Potrero Hill.

The show is the longest running neighborhood-based art show in San Francisco and is open to all artists living/working in the Potrero Hill area. It is a non-juried show that allows all artists, whether veteran or rank beginners, to display their work. Exhibitors are asked to bring their work to the library during open hours of the week beginning March 30. All work submitted must be ready to hang.

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'AUDREY DOES KENNEDY'



Miracle Theatre presents S.F. Mime troupe veteran Audrey Smith in "Audrey Does Kennedy", a musical journey celebrating the best work of composer and former Pickle Family Circus musical director Mark Kennedy. The show runs through March 8, at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St. Call 826-5750 for reservations and tickets.

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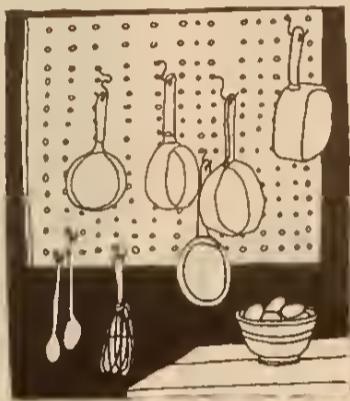
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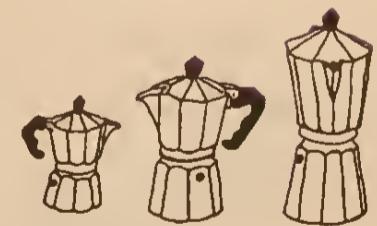
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